

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF SUNSET HILLS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

June 8, 2023

The Sunset Hills Public Works Committee met Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 4:00 PM via Zoom.

Roll Call.

Present: Cathy Friedmann - Chairman – Alderman Ward III,
Ann McMunn – Alderman Ward I,
Casey Wong – Alderman Ward II
Fred Daues – Alderman Ward IV,
Brittany Gillett – City Administrator
Bryson Baker – Director of Public Works/City Engineer,
Wes Searcy – Assistant City Engineer
Mike Knight – Assistant City Planner

1. Approval of Minutes from April 13, 2023

Motion: Minutes,

Action: Approve,

Moved by Fred Daues,

Seconded by Ann McMunn,

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Citizen Comments

Alderman McMunn read an email she received from a resident at 9124 Rott, requesting a sidewalk on Rott Rd.

Mr. Baker commented that the speeding issue would be a matter for follow-up by the Police. He added that we did submit this as a grant through MoDOT, but it was denied. Mr. Baker commented that this is difficult road for such a project given the alignment, topography, and available right of way. Alderman McMunn asked if signs could help. Mr. Baker responded that these could be incorporated but cautioned overuse, sign fatigue/clutter for drivers. Alderman McMunn asked for member input. Chairman Friedmann agreed with the concern and asked if we could look at possible sign improvements. Mr. Baker said this would be done and suggested that calls for enforcement to the police department would help, especially if there is any harassment involved.

3. Project Updates

- Eddie & Park Sidewalks – Mr. Baker reported that the second easement was received. He said these will be recorded and Oates will be finalizing plans in the next couple of weeks for solicitation by the end of this month. Chairman Friedmann asked for a schedule update. Mr. Baker responded that assuming all goes as planned from here, it is hoped to have the selection of a contractor before the Board of Aldermen in August. Ms. Gillett pointed out the verbal commitment from Lindbergh School District to participate in this project. She asked for assistance with coordinating an intergovernmental agreement.
- West Watson Road Improvement Project – Phase 1 & 2 – Mr. Baker said that Phase I has one property left to acquire. He added that he met with that property owner a couple of issues the engineer is addressing in the plans. Mr. Baker said this will then allow us to seek approval from MoDOT to solicit for bids with a bid contemplated for this Fall with construction to follow next Spring. He said that Phase II is in design, and this will be the case into next year with property acquisition to follow.
- Concrete Slab Replacement Project – Mr. Searcy commented that the difficult nature of this type of work is probably much of the culprit in the difficulties we are having with contracting. He said that we are currently trying to hammer out a schedule with the second contractor at this time. Ms. Gillett detailed that we are working toward a Notice of Award and to Proceed at this time with Keeley Restoration Services. Chairman Friedmann questioned the start date. Ms. Gillett responded that we are still working through these details, but Keeley has responded that they expect to complete the work by the end of the year. She cited the Sweetens example as not what will happen in this case, that we expect this project to be fully complete in 2023. Alderman McMunn asked if these projects are on the city website. Mr. Searcy responded affirmatively. Ms. Gillett pointed out that the previous contractor did complete 11 slabs over on Black Oak and they did a good job, and this was all logged on the city website. Alderman Daues asked if concrete slab replacement criteria for selection could be detailed onto the website. Mr. Searcy did this on the Concrete project page during the meeting. He said he had complaints regarding partial slab replacements. Mr. Searcy asked if this was on Grandview Hill Court. Alderman Daues responded yes. Mr. Searcy said these were not slabs in structural failure as defined by three or more pieces.
- Chip Seal Project – Mr. Searcy said this is under contract and ready to go. He said that the crack seal work of this project is done and once the contractor starts, this work will only take a couple of weeks. Mr. Searcy also detailed that we also did some in-house preparatory work on Leebur and Eddie & Park before the chip seal contractor hits site. Alderman Daues complimented the in-house joint seal work he witnessed on Nanell. He asked if there will be more of this through out the city. Mr.

Searcy responded that between that and the contracted joint seal we are now performing, a systemic seal of concrete pavement will be something that will continue to improve.

- New City Street Name Signs – Mr. Baker said that the street crew have been concentrating on the blue private street name signs. He said the plan is to try to have all new name signage installed by the end of next year. Mr. Baker commented that the department received favorable compliments on this work so far.
- Other Construction Projects – Alderman McMunn asked about cones on S. Lindbergh by West Watson. Mr. Baker responded that this was utility work by Ameren. He postulated that we may see more of this in prelude to the upcoming work on S. Lindbergh.

4. Other matters deemed appropriate

Alderman Daues asked about the lefthand turn lane on East Watson by the car wash. Ms. Gillett responded that we met with the property manager, and they were working with Ameren to see if a conflicting pole could be relocated. She said this would allow the creation of a longer righthand turn lane to alleviate this problem. Ms. Gillett said we were still awaiting a response on whether this pole could be moved.

Chairman Friedmann thanked Mr. Knight for his attendance. Several committee members commented favorably on the work he's already done.

5. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 4:25pm,
Action: Approve,
Moved by Alderman McMunn,
Seconded by Fred Daues,
Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully,



Bryson E. Baker, PE
City Engineer / Director of Public Works